Getting Help

- The "man" command
    - The "man" command man gives you access to an on-line manual which potentially contains a complete description of every command available on the system. In practice, the manual usually contains a subset of all commands.
    - man can also provide you with one line descriptions of commands which match a specified keyword
    - The online manual is divided into sections:

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Section  Description
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   1     User Commands
   2     System Commands
   3     Subroutines
   4     Devices
   5     File Formats
   6     Games
   7     Miscellaneous
   8     System Administration
   l     Local Commands
   n     New Commands
```

- Examples of using the man command:

To display the manual page for the cp (copy files) command:

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man cp
```

--More--23% at the bottom left of the screen means that only 23% of the man page is displayed. Press the space bar to display more of it or type q to quit.

By default, the man page in section 1 is displayed if multiple sections exist. You can access a different section by specifying the section. For example:

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man 8 telnetd
```

Keyword searching: use the -k option followed by the keyword. Two examples appear below.

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man -k mail
man -k 'copy files'
```

To view a one line description of what a command does:

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whatis more
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will display what the "more" command does:

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more, page (1) - browse or page through a text file
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- who - shows who is on the system

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who
who am i
```

- finger - displays information about users, by name or login name

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finger doe
finger userid
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